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Applicant: Goran E. Enhorning

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Group Art Unit: 1743

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Examiner:

For: PIPETTE HAVING A SMALL VOLUME DISPOSABLE TIP

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

A preliminary novelty search was conducted during the development of the invention covered by the above identified U.S. patent application. All of the patents found during the search and subsequently thereto are listed on the accompanying forms PTO 1449, and are enclosed herewith.

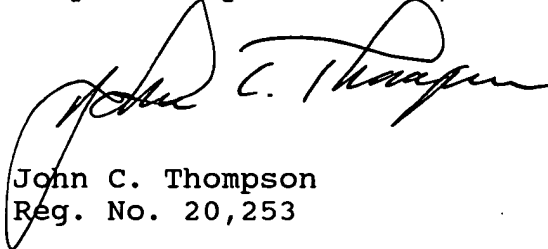
The relevancy of the enclosed publication and EP 0 743 095 are disclosed in the text of this application. The relevancy of Sturm et al, Tervamaki, Gilmont, Streitfeld Perlman, Kenney ('625 & '755), d'Autry ('063-4), Oshikubo et al and Seubert et al are discussed in the accompanying search report. The remaining patents are cited to further show the state of the art.

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A prompt action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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The Law Office of John C. Thompson
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Attn: John C. Thompson, Esquire

Re: Rush Preliminary Patentability Search for
MICROPIPETTE
Your Ref.: ENG900-1
Our Ref.: PS 1620/99

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of June 14, 1999

We have now conducted a preliminary patentability search on the above - identified subject matter and are enclosing herewith copies of the following references.

<u>PATENT</u>	<u>NAME</u>
4,099,548	Strum et al.
4,284,604	Tervamäki
3,232,117	Gilmont
2,959,964	Streitfeld
4,933,148	Perlman
5,104,625	Kenney
4,250,755	Kenney
4,362,063	d'Autry
4,362,064	d'Autry



CONTINUATION

<u>PATENT</u>	<u>NAME</u>
4,261,205	Oshikubo et al.
5,785,926	Seubert et al.
4,023,716	Shapiro
4,165,646	Shapiro
5,104,624	Labriola
5,406,856	Kühn
5,320,810	Al-Mahareeq et al.
5,355,738	Heinonen
5,364,595	Smith
5,403,553	Heinonen

Our Field of Search included:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>SUBCLASS(ES)</u>
73	864.14 plus Foreign, 864.18 plus Foreign and 864.13 plus Foreign

Please note Examiner Noland (Art Unit 2856) was consulted in regard to the above Field of Search. Please note also that in view of Examiner Noland's recommendation against and the art found in Class 73, the search was not extended to Class 356.

DISCUSSION

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Strum et al. discloses a hand-held pipette for dispensing precise volumes of liquid, and includes a narrow lumen tube with an end received in adapter 89 (please see Figure 22). Please also see Tervamäki, Gilmont and Streitfeld. Please also see the Abstract of Perlman.

Kenney ('625 and '755), d'Autry ('063 and '064), Oshikubo et al., Seubert et al. (Figure 17), all disclose pipettes with narrow lumen tubes.

The remaining references are cited as of interest and are enclosed herewith for your consideration.

John C. Thompson, Esquire
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Please note that every reasonable effort is made to render the highest quality service possible. We are, however, limited by the integrity of the PTO records and other information not readily available.

We were happy to be of service to you in connection with this matter. If you should have any questions or require any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at once.

Our invoice is enclosed.

With best regards.



Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dinesh".

DINESH AGARWAL

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Enclosures

P.S. We are herewith returning the samples enclosed with your letter of June 14, 1999.